

Bob Adams had a small secret. It was round and sitting in the back of his closet at home. The secret was brown with a red stripe. It sat under his dirty clothes. Next to it was a ball. Can you guess what the secret was? Bob did not take the secret out of the closet often. He never showed it to Fred, his friend. He did not even show it to his Mom and he did not show it to his Dad. He had found the secret in a ditch. It had been raining and the secret was wet with water and mud. Bob wondered who had lost it. He was sure they would like it back.

Bob opened the closet. He put on the secret. It was a magic hat. It did not look like magic. It had holes in it, but Bob knew it was magic. It took him special places. He wanted to go on a trip, so he walked outside and put the hat on.

Bob began to fly in the air. He looked down from the clouds and he saw his house. He saw the big red building where he went to school. There were children outside playing. They looked like little ants from the sky. He saw a flock of birds. "Hello, birds," he said. They said "hello" back with tweets.

Bob flew up higher and higher. He flew up into the big hills. Bob did not know where he was going. The magic hat had taken him many places. Each time the magic hat took him to a new place.

Then Bob landed on the ground, and he saw a great big bird before him. The bird had purple feathers on its chest, and long yellow feathers on its back.

"Climb onto my back," said the bird, "and I will take you to Playland." Bob climbed onto the back of the bird. They flew over the hills. The bird flew very fast and Bob held onto its yellow feathers.

Then they landed in Playland. The streets there were made of ice cream. Bob began licking the street. It tasted like strawberry ice cream. Then he went to the park that had a lake. He tasted the lake and it tasted like root beer. Bob jumped in and splashed the root beer high into the air.

He met two girls. Their hair was made of cotton candy. They had two cats that were made of sugar candy. The best thing about Playland was that when it rained, nothing got wet. It rained popcorn!

Playland was such a magic place. Bob told the big bird that he would like to visit for a long time.

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